



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

RIVER RIDGE ELEMENTARY
Spartanburg 5
Grades: PK-4 Enrollment: 674
Principal: Dr. Glenda Bigby
Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
Board Chair: Steve Brockman

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Good	Good	Silver	N/A	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

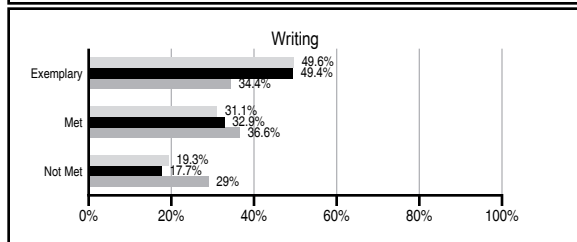
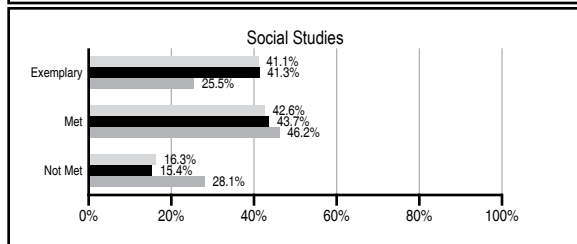
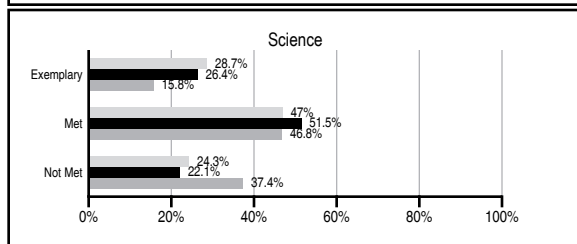
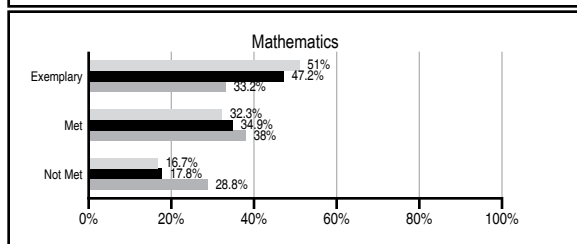
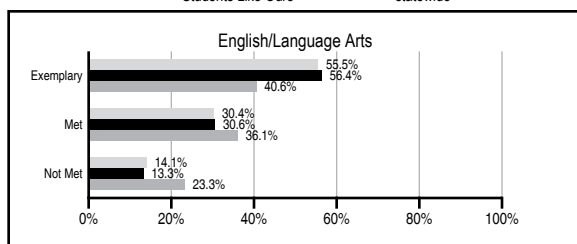
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
27	11	2	1	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School
 Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours
 Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=674)				
Retention rate	1.7%	Down from 2.0%	0.9%	1.2%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 97.0%	96.4%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	21.7%	Up from 18.9%	20.7%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	4.2%	Down from 5.1%	6.9%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	No Change	0.3%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.3%	Up from 53.5%	63.4%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	83.0%	Down from 86.0%	89.2%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.6%	Up from 80.4%	88.6%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 95.1%	95.9%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,499	Up 2.2%	\$48,568	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.2 days	Down from 15.2 days	9.0 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	2.0	Up from 1.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.1 to 1	Down from 22.8 to 1	21.1 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.1%	Up from 91.0%	92.2%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,901	Down 11.0%	\$6,897	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	73.2%	Up from 71.7%	70.6%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.8%	Up from 69.7%	67.2%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	37	138	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.3%	89.7%	91.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	87.0%	93.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	90.4%	88.8%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

River Ridge Elementary School, located in one of Spartanburg County's fastest growing areas, houses 685 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of eighty serves our students in a state of the art facility. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student. Through innovative and challenging educational experiences, we strive to meet the individual needs of all students.

This year our school implemented year four of the Learning-Focused Schools initiative. This exciting school reform model provides greater focus on standards and curriculum for both teachers and students. Students learn reading through a balanced literacy approach which includes the use of Rigby Literacy, Write from the Beginning, and Thinking Maps. We continue to integrate the South Carolina math standards with the SC Math Program in our math instruction. Science standards are addressed through exciting hands-on activities involving the use of grade-level science tubs during classroom instruction.

Opportunities for students are abundant at River Ridge Elementary School. Our Preschool Program involves three, four, and five year old students. In grades one through four, additional programs available include: ESOL, Reading Intervention, REACH (Our Gifted/Talented Program), Creations (Our Gifted Art Program), PALS (Our Character Education Program), PTO Book Celebrations, SuccessMaker, and Accelerated Reader. Students also have access to computers in labs and in classrooms as well as the use of digital cameras, video cameras, scanners, SMART boards, and Interwrite boards/projectors.

Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, Panda Patrol, flag helpers, and The Morning News Show Crew.

We are grateful for our continuing partnership with our PTO and the following local businesses: Pizza Inn, PEP (Public Educational Partnership), Jocassee Designs, Zaxby's, McDonalds, Sonic, and Ingles. Students serve the school community through a variety of service learning projects such as Project HOPE, class adoption of residents from a local boarding home, Jump Rope for Heart, Zig the Pig for cancer research, and Relay for Life.

River Ridge Elementary School has been recognized for the following awards: Palmetto Gold Award, Palmetto Silver Award, Exemplary Writing School, Red Carpet School, Healthy Schools, Closing the Gap, and Schools of Promise.

Through these combined efforts, we will continue to provide all students at River Ridge Elementary School with the best educational opportunities possible.

Glenda Bigby, Principal

Kelly Constantine, SIC Chair

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